

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, June 26, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner, via phone

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(243) In the matter of CenturyTel – N2003.6.72; On June 9, 2003 CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 03-05 to add a promotional schedule and five new promotions. The company wishes to promote Caller ID, Simple Choice, Digitrex and Second Lines. The promotions are scheduled to run from August 1 through August 30, 2003. CenturyTel is requesting a July 8, 2003 effective date. Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the promotions. Commissioner Jergeson second the motion, which passed 3-0.

(244) In the matter of NorthWestern Energy – D2002.6.64; On May 23, 2003, NorthWestern Energy filed to adjust residential and irrigation customer rate credits related. The rate credit amount is derived from the amount of monetary benefits NWE receives on behalf of its residential and small farm customer from the Bonneville Power Administration under the terms of a settlement of the Residential Exchange provisions of the Northwest Power Act. Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the adjustments. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(245) In the matter of TN2188; Mark L. Foos dba City Cab, Billings, Montana requests permission to lease PSC 7489 to City Cab, Inc., Billings, Montana for a six month period June 26, 2003 to December 26, 2003, pending completion of sale and transfer proceedings

SUB A Class B – Passengers and their baggage between all points and places within Yellowstone, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon and Big Horn Counties.  
Limitations: (1) Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad Co. work crews is prohibited. (2) Transportation is limited to the use of motor vehicles with a passenger rated capacity of seven (7) or less.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the lease for a six month period. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

(246) In the matter of approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the minutes for the week of June 26, 2003. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(247) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Northwestern Energy proposed amendments to Electric Customer Choice Guidelines and Procedures tariff to conform to requirements of HB509 – N2003.5.65; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve proposed customers choice and comments, delete rule 4f and confirm large customer group included in rules. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Leroy Beeby

(248) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Big Mountain Water rate increase stipulation – D2002.11.134; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the stipulation . Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt

(249) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/Personnel; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve out of state travel for Marla Larson to attend NARUC Summer Meetings in Denver, CO on July 25-30, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Commissioner Schneider moved to clarify commission action on a minute entry that funds of 71,000 were authorized for the computer contract. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve a new LCD Projector. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 3-0

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell  
Commission Secretary

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